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1. THE SEPTEMBER 2 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, "GREAT VICTORY FOR CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE," PARALLELS PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG'S SPEECH OF THE DAY BEFORE AND UNDERSCORES THE DEVELOPING MOOD THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE GOVERNMENT, THE PLA AND THE PEOPLE MUST BUCKLE DOWN AND DEAL WITH PRESSING ECONOMIC AND FACTIONAL PROBLEMS. LAVISHING PRAISE ON THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, CADRES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE UNSELFISHLY AIDED THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTHQUAKE AREA IN REBUILDING HOMES AND RESTORING PRODUCTION, THE EDITORIAL PLACES HEAVY EMPHASIS ON A NATION-WIDE EFFORT TO MEET PRODUCTION GOALS, AID THE VICTIMS OF THE TANGSHAN QUAKE, AND DEAL "RESOLUTE BLOWS AT CLASS ENEMIES WHO ENGAGE IN SABOTAGE."

WHILE THE MASSES ARE EXHORTED TO DEEPEN THE MOVEMENT TO CRITI-

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CISE TENG'S THREE "POISONOUS WEEKS" (THE GENERAL PROGRAM, THE

OUTLINE REPORT, AND THE REGULATIONS), WE ARE STRUCK BY THE SUGGESTION OF CAMPAIGN FINALITY--EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IS A "VICTORY" OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG--AND BY THE EMPHASIS ON THE NEED TO INCREASE NATIONAL PRODUCTION TO MAKE UP FOR EARTHQUAKE LOSSES.

2. IN A SIMILAR FASHION, BROADCAST EXCERPTS FROM SPEECHES BY HOPEH PARTY BOSS LIU TZU-HOU AND TIENTSIN MUNICIPAL CCP COMMITTEE MEMBER HSU HSIN AT THE SEPTEMBER 1 CONFERENCE OF PARTY AND STATE LEADERS ON EARTHQUAKE RELIEF LAUD THE HEROIC DEEDS OF CADRES, MEDICAL WORKERS, AND PLA SOLDIERS IN AIDING THE POPULATION. MAKING ALMOST NO MENTION OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG, THE SPEECHES SEEM TO REFLECT A MORE GENERAL SITUATION WHERE THOSE WHO ARE DEALING DIRECTLY WITH EARTHQUAKE RELIEF HAVE BECOME TOO PRE-OCCUPIED TO CONTINUE MORE THAN A PERFUNCTORY STRUGGLE AGAINST THE "CAPITALIST ROADERS INPOWER IN THE PARTY."
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